

- **Rules and Regulations that pertain to recreational rock climbing**

- Hiking or climbing within the signed Closure Area surrounding the sculptures is strictly prohibited.
- In order to better protect the sculptures, the areas south and east of *Emancipation Rockphormation* known as the *Vale of Tranquility*, or *Green Valley*, are included in the Closure.
- Overnight use, camping, and open fires are not allowed within Memorial boundaries.
- Bolting using hand tools is allowed. Fixed anchors are also permitted.
- Unless authorized by a Special Use Permit issued through the office of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Chief Ranger, the use of motorized power drilling is prohibited.
- During special events, portions of climbing areas within the Memorial are subject to closure.
- While there is no entrance fee, there is a fee for using the main parking structure.
- Dogs are currently allowed in the backcountry when on a leash of six feet or less. Pets may not be left unattended, and owners are responsible for removing solid pet waste.
- All back country visitors are encouraged to practice “Leave No Trace” ethics in order to lessen impacts on fragile vegetation and other resources.
- Off road travel is restricted to foot traffic only. No wheeled vehicles are allowed off road.
- Please sign in at the Climbing Registers.

Climber guide books for the area may be purchased at the Natural History Association bookstores located in the Visitor Center and Information Center.